

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A packing box comprising:

a box main body; and

an inner plate on which a packing object is fixed by at least one holding band,

wherein said inner plate is accommodated in said box main body and is kept in a horizontal direction, and

wherein said inner plate comprises:

a main plate on which the packing object is fixed;

a set of first plates which bendably extend parallel to each other from a first ~~common~~ edge defined at each of opposing first ends of said main plate; and

a set of second plates which bendably extend parallel to each other from a second ~~common~~ edge defined at each of opposing second ends of said main plate, and

wherein said first plates only extend upwardly relative to said main plate and said second plates only extend downwardly relative to said main plate in a direction opposite to said first plates.

Claim 2 **(Canceled).**

3. **(Previously Presented)** The packing box according to claim 1, wherein said packing object is fixed at a center of said main plate such that said packing object is not contact with inner walls of said box main body.

4. **(Previously Presented)** The packing box according to claim 1, wherein said first plates are separated by a first gap, and said second plates are separated by a second gap.

5. **(Original)** The packing box according to claim 4, wherein said packing object is wrapped by a first holding band passing through said first gaps between the first plates of each of the sets for said first ends, and

said packing object is wrapped by a second holding band passing through said second gaps between the second plates of each of the sets for said second ends.

6. **(Currently Amended)** The packing box according to claim 1, wherein said box main body has a rectangular parallelepiped shape,

said main plate is rectangular[.].

~~said first plates are bent upwardly, and~~

~~said second plates are bent downwardly.~~

7. **(Previously Presented)** The packing box according to claim 6, wherein a summation of an extending length of said first plates and an extending length of said second plates is substantially equal to an inner height of said box main body.

8. **(Previously Presented)** The packing box according to claim 7, wherein said extending length of said first plates is substantially equal to said extending length of said second plates such that said main plate is held at a middle position in said box main body.

9. **(Currently Amended)** A method of packing a packing object in a packing box, comprising:

fixing said packing object on an inner plate;

wherein said inner plate comprises a main plate on which the packing object is fixed, a set of first plates which bendably extend parallel to each other from a first ~~common~~ edge defined at each of opposing first ends of said main plate, and a set of second plates which bendably extend parallel to each other from a second ~~common~~ edge defined at each of opposing second ends of said main plate;

bending said first plates upwardly to extend only in a first direction relative to said main plate and bending said second plates downwardly to extend only in a second direction relative to said main plate in a direction opposite to said first plates; and

accommodating said inner plate in said box main body to keep said inner plate in a horizontal direction.

10. **(Original)** The method according to claim 9, wherein said fixing comprises:

fixing said packing object at a center of said main plate such that said packing object is not contact with inner walls of said box main body.

11. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 9, wherein a summation of an extending length of said first plates and an extending length of said second plates is substantially equal to an inner height of said box main body.

12. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 11, wherein said extending length of said first plates is substantially equal to said extending length of said second plates such that said main plate is held at a middle position in said box main body.

13. **(Original)** The method according to claim 9, wherein said first plates are separated by a first gap, and said second plates are separated by a second gap, said fixing comprises:

wrapping said packing object by a first holding band passing through said first gaps between the first plates of each of the sets for said first ends; and

wrapping said packing object by a second holding band passing through said second gaps between the second plates of each of the sets for said second ends.

14. **(Currently Amended)** A packing box comprising:

a box main body; and

an inner plate which comprises:

a main plate on which a packing object is fixed,

a set of first plates bent upwardly only in a first direction relative to said main plate and parallel to each other from a first ~~common~~ edge defined at each of opposing first ends of said main plate; and

a set of second plates bent downwardly only in a second direction relative to said main plate in a direction opposite to said first plates and parallel to each other from a second ~~common~~ edge defined at each of opposing second ends of said main plate,

wherein said packing object is fixed at a center of said main plate such that said packing object is not contact with inner walls of said box main body.

15. **(Original)** The packing box according to claim 14, wherein said first plates are separated by a first gap, and said second plates are separated by a second gap.

16. **(Original)** The packing box according to claim 15, wherein said packing object is wrapped by a first holding band passing through said first gaps between the first plates of each of the sets for said first ends, and

said packing object is wrapped by a second holding band passing through said second gaps between the second plates of each of the sets for said second ends.

17. **(Previously Presented)** The packing box according to claim 14, wherein a summation of an extending length of said first plates and an extending length of said second plates is substantially equal to an inner height of said box main body.

18. **(Previously Presented)** The packing box according to claim 17, wherein said extending length of said first plates is substantially equal to said extending length of said second plates such that said main plate is held at a middle position in said box main body.